

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING -TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2012**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, Carol Armstrong, Tina Scott, and Lynn Zemnicky.

Staff Present were: Louise Heintzman, Administrative Assistant, Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Ken Nixon, Fire Chief, Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, April Stockfish, Landfill Attendant and Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer.

Some members of the audience were: Dave and Marjorie Hobbs, Rick Gould, Mike Zemnicky, Carol Batchelor, Lynda Howse, Mike Quinn, Lanny Dennis, Rick and Cheryl Philip and Bob Harrison.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Reeve Glynn Robinson.
There were no declarations of pecuniary interest with items on the agenda.

2012-01 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept the minutes of the Council meetings held December 5th, 15th, 2011 including closed portions of meetings, as amended and the Joint Meeting held with the Town of Kearney and Township of Perry on December 15th, 2011 including closed portions of meeting. Carried

Amendments included: approval of municipal office closure and woodstove at rink building. Staff clarified with council which Store to place the stove for sale.

2012-02 Zemnicky/Scott

That we amend the agenda to include correspondence from Burk's Falls and District Fire Committee dated December 20, 2011 as Item 5.9. Carried

Delegations:

Lynda Howse and Carol Batchelor were welcomed to the council table. They have delivered a cheque in the amount of \$3 for their lease of the School House building in the years 2010-2012. They have requested additional information about the school house prior to coming back to Council with a decision whether the Club would be interested in taking ownership of the building. They also wished to ask for a reduction in rental rates for two events in 2011.

Kearney Fire Chief, Rick Philip was welcomed to the council table. Fire Chief, Dave McNay wished to send his regrets for not being able to attend. Mr. Philip outlined a proposal to create a full-time position for a Joint Fire and Rescue Training Facilitator that would service area fire departments. This proposal was created due to Ministry of Labour requirements and this is the first presentation to council. Mr. Philip reported that two municipalities have already confirmed that they would not be interested in this proposal. The seven that are being approached in addition to our Township are: Village of Burk's Falls, Townships of Armour, Perry, and Ryerson, Town of Kearney and Municipality of Magnetawan. Mr. Philip has requested a resolution.

2011-03 Mulligan/Armstrong

That Council approve "in principle" the proposal for a District Fire and Rescue Training Facilitator in order to move forward and to have further discussions with other Fire Departments. Carried

Department Staff:

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman attended and reviewed his monthly report. Some items of discussion were: winter plowing, truck repairs, danger trees, brushing, electrical connections to compactor are being delayed, request for a stop sign on Axe Lake Road at West Bear Lake Road/ Axe Lake Road intersection, septic at Landfill Site as well as arrangement of buildings to allow greater supervision of items coming into site.

Fire Chief Ken Nixon and Deputy Fire Chief Jim Kiers were not present at this time to update Council and no written report was forwarded for review.

Landfill Site Attendant, April Stockfish attended. Some of the items of discussion were: rink duties, fencing at landfill site to catch the bags that blow off the household garbage areas, electronic waste bin is nearly full and needs pickup, items requested to be included in written reports for Council meetings. Council has included a \$4 fee per pair for skate sharpening.

Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer reported on the following items: new computers and software installed, planning issues and possible Ontario Municipal Board dates to be scheduled, Audit is scheduled, Tax Arrears files with three years or more have been sent to our Municipal Lawyer to initiate Tax Registration process, Municipal Insurance quote and that staff will be drafting a human

resource policy. Staff was asked to set up a councilor training session with Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It was felt that a budget meeting may be able to be scheduled with this meeting.

2012-04 Zemnicky/Armstrong

That Council request that a meeting be scheduled with our Municipal Advisor with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to present a Councillor Training Session. Carried

2012-05 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council authorize a reduction in rental fees for 2 events in 2011 for a total of \$30.00 for the Senior's Club. Carried

Reeve Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

It was requested to move item 7.2 up on the agenda for discussion since the applicant is present. The consent application B-034/11 and B-035/11 was discussed with the applicant and planner. The planner for East Parry Sound District Planning Board had reported that certain criteria be included as conditions of approval. The Applicant's Planner requested that the items listed not be included as discussed.

2012-06 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council approve Consent Appl. B-034 & 035/11 provided that no other property loses access through the right of way running on the northern edge of lot 20, Concession 7, McMurrich Twp and further that the surveyor show that the lot addition property not be located in wetland areas and further that no mineral aggregate resource assessment be required. Carried

Correspondence:

The letter received regarding street light repairs was discussed and it was decided that there will be no change in our practice of locating lights requiring repairs.

2011-07 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – October 4, 2011, and
District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – November 10, 2011.

Carried

2011-08 Armstrong/Scott

That Council support Carpool Almaguin in a donation of \$22 for leased billboard space in the year 2012.

Business Carried Forward:

There were no discussions on the items listed under this heading; Building Canada Fund, Continuous Improvement Fund, Axe Lake Development and Fire Dept Position.

New Business:

2012-09 Mulligan/Zemnicky

That Council accept the quote for insurance from Jardine Lloyd Thompson for coverage for the year 2012 in the amount of \$44,683 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Bylaws - None

Council Reports: Councillor Mulligan reported on his attendance at a special Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting where funding agencies presented their programs. There are some possible programs that the township can look into.

2012-10 Armstrong/Scott

That Council enter into a closed session at 10:15pm in order to discuss possible litigation and disposal of property as per section 239 of Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

2012-11 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council come out of a closed session at 10:42pm. Carried

Council Concerns:

Trees hanging at Roads Garage property need to be taken down, creation of an injury report at the Rink, helmets for rink caretakers, request for an overtime report by department.

2012-12 Armstrong/Scott

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of December, 2011 in the amount of \$275,229.44. Carried

2012-13 Mulligan/Scott

That Council continue past the 11 o'clock curfew. Carried

Council Concerns Continued:

Rink washrooms to be cleaned by caretakers, barricade be placed to stop parking under the community centre roof, signage to warn about falling snow, recreation trail, trees fallen on Seguin Trail, funding application for automatic door openers, revisions to Emergency Response Plan.

Staff reported that the District of Parry Sound Social Services contacted the office to request any revisions to the business case for our previous submission to receive funding for a Seniors Residence project. They will be re-submitting our application.

2012-14 Zemnick/Scott

That Council adjourn this meeting at 11:30pm until February 6, 2012 or at the call of the reeve.
Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.